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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2001–02 REGULAR SESSION

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 217

Introduced by Assembly Member Maddox

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June 4, 2002

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 217—Relative to Little League Baseball Week.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 217, as amended, Maddox. Little League Baseball Week.

This measure would commend Little League Baseball on its 63rd anniversary and designate the week of June 9 to June 15, 2002, inclusive, as Little League Baseball Week.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, In 1939, Carl Stotz founded Little League
2 Baseball in Williamsport, Pennsylvania, as a baseball program for
3 boys; a donation of \$35 was made to purchase uniforms for the first
4 three teams; and

5 WHEREAS, Between 1941 and 1946, during World War II,
6 Little League Baseball in Pennsylvania expanded to 12 leagues;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, In 1947, the first Little League World Series was
9 won by Maynard Little League of Williamsport, Pennsylvania, the
10 Hammonton New Jersey Little League became the first league
11 established outside the State of Pennsylvania, and Little League
12 Baseball expanded to 15 leagues; and

13 WHEREAS, In 1951, a Little League was formed for the first
14 time outside of the United States in the province of British
15 Columbia, Canada; and Little League Baseball grew to 776
16 leagues; and

17 WHEREAS, In 1957, the Little League Baseball team from
18 Monterrey, Mexico, became the first foreign team to win the Little
19 League World Series, with Angel Macias pitching the first perfect
20 game in a Little League World Series Championship, and Little
21 League membership expanded to 4,408 leagues worldwide; and

22 WHEREAS, In 1959, President Eisenhower proclaimed that the
23 week beginning the second Monday of June would be observed
24 annually as National Little League Baseball Week, receiving the
25 full support of Congress; also in 1959, Dr. Crieghton Hale,
26 Director of Safety Research for Little League Baseball developed
27 the modern protective helmet; and in that year Little League
28 Baseball expanded to over 5,200 leagues; and

29 WHEREAS, On July 17, 1964, under a bill signed by President
30 Lyndon B. Johnson, Little League Baseball was granted a Charter
31 of Federal Incorporation; the legislation, which had unanimous
32 support in both the United States Senate and the House of
33 Representatives, is the highest recognition that the federal
34 government can accord and it provided for the incorporation of
35 Little League Baseball in all 50 states and endowed the program
36 with the protective integrity of the United States government; and
37 in that year Little League Baseball included 6,000 leagues; and

38 WHEREAS, In 1974, Little League and Senior League Softball
39 programs were created, and 29,700 girls participated in these



1 programs; and in that year Little League Baseball comprised more
2 than 6,800 leagues around the world; and

3 WHEREAS, In 1989, Little League Baseball celebrated its
4 50th, Anniversary; Poland received Certificates of Charter for the
5 first four Little League programs to be established in an
6 Eastern-Bloc country; and former Boston Red Sox star player Carl
7 Yastrzemski became the first Little League Baseball graduate to be
8 inducted into Baseball's Hall of Fame; and

9 WHEREAS, In 1990, Little League Baseball launched its first
10 full season of the Challenger Division, developed for mentally and
11 physically disabled children; and Little League Baseball was
12 enjoyed by children in 39 countries; and

13 WHEREAS, Today, Little League Baseball is the largest
14 organized youth sports program in the world, totalling over 7,400
15 leagues with 200,000 teams serving over 3,000,000 boys and girls
16 in 80 countries, including the United States, Canada, Latin
17 America, Europe, and the Far East; and

18 WHEREAS, The enjoyment of Little League Baseball
19 transcends all nationalities, languages, and geographic borders,
20 bringing children and adults together in a friendly, wholesome
21 family activity, with the program's popularity reaching new
22 heights every season; and

23 WHEREAS, Little League Baseball has become an important
24 part of the childhood development of a large segment of our
25 society and has evolved into a leadership-training program for
26 both boys and girls around the world; now, therefore, be it

27 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
28 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature commends Little League
29 Baseball on its 63rd anniversary for its exemplary leadership in
30 assisting youth in developing the qualities of citizenship,
31 discipline, teamwork, physical, mental, and emotional well being;
32 and be it further

33 *Resolved*, That the Legislature commends all boys and girls
34 participating in Little League Baseball or Softball throughout
35 California, along with their parents, managers, and coaches, for
36 their commitment to developing the character, courage, and
37 loyalty necessary for these boys and girls to become successful,
38 productive citizens; and be it further

- 1 *Resolved*, That the Legislature designates the week of June 9,
- 2 2002, to June 15, 2002, inclusive, as Little League Baseball Week;
- 3 and be it further
- 4 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
- 5 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

